

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 593

Introduced by Assembly Member Carter

February 25, 2009

An act to amend Section 37911 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to housing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 593, as introduced, Carter. Housing: residential rehabilitation.

Existing law establishes the Residential Rehabilitation Act, which, among other things, authorizes cities and counties to issue bonds for the purpose of financing residential rehabilitation. Existing law makes several legislative findings and declarations relating to the necessity of providing long-term, low-interest loans to finance residential rehabilitation in depressed residential areas.

This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to the legislative findings and declarations.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 37911 of the Health and Safety Code is
2 amended to read:
3 37911. The Legislature hereby finds and declares that it is
4 necessary and ~~essential~~ *important* that cities, counties, and cities
5 and counties, and redevelopment agencies and housing authorities
6 within such cities, counties, and cities and counties, be authorized
7 to make long-term, low-interest loans to finance residential

1 rehabilitation in depressed residential areas in order to encourage
2 the upgrading of property in such areas. Unless such local agencies
3 intervene to provide some form of assistance to finance residential
4 rehabilitation, many depressed residential areas will deteriorate at
5 an accelerated pace because property owners are not able to obtain
6 rehabilitation loans from private sources.

7 The Legislature further finds and declares that many depressed
8 residential areas contain scattered vacant parcels and residences
9 that are so severely deteriorated that they must be demolished. The
10 existence of such conditions in residential rehabilitation areas often
11 impedes the progress of residential rehabilitation and improvement.
12 It is, therefore, necessary that local agencies be authorized to
13 include new construction in the form of residential infill
14 construction as an integral part of a residential rehabilitation
15 financing program.

16 The Legislature also finds and declares that preservation of
17 existing housing stock is a primary purpose of this part. Much
18 housing exists that can be preserved if moved from one location
19 to another. It is, therefore, necessary that local agencies be
20 authorized to include such preservation in the form of move-on
21 residences.